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AFT RESEARCH REPORT
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT AND PROJECTIONS
1977-78 to 1994-95
(issued April 6, 1983)

Attached is a table showing total public elementary and secondary school enrollment estimates through 1994-95. These estimates were derived by the AFT Department of Research through a linear regression forecasting technique using data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the National Center for Health Statistics.

Public school enrollment declines continue through 1984-85 when total enrollment will be down to 39.2 million. A modest upturn begins after that, with an estimated enrollment of 41.1 million by 1994-95. Annual growth after 1984-85 will not exceed 1 percent per year. Enrollment growth will not be spread evenly among states. Many states will continue to experience declines in enrollments through the end of the century.

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Public Elementary and Secondary School
Enrollment and Projections
1977-78 to 1994-95
(in thousands)

School Year	Enrollment	Percent Change, Previous Year
	A. Actual	
1977-78	43,577	--
1978-79	42,611	-2.2
1979-80	41,579	-2.4
1980-81	40,984	-1.4
	B. Estimated	
1981-82	40,172	-2.0
1982-83	39,617	-1.4
1983-84	39,278	-0.9
1984-85	39,189	-0.2
1985-86	39,242	+0.1
1986-87	39,346	+0.3
1987-88	39,416	+0.2
1988-89	39,453	+0.1
1989-90	39,803	+0.9
1990-91	40,171	+0.9
1991-92	40,440	+0.7
1992-93	40,772	+0.8
1993-94	40,986	+0.5
1994-95	41,123	+0.3

Technical Note: Enrollments were determined from school age population (SAPOP) using the following regression equation: ENRPUB = 4353.9 + 0.793 SAPOP, R^2 = .9970.

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